



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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**From: Michigan Secretary of State's Office**

**Date: February 2012**

**Re: Changes to Michigan's Enhanced Driver's License and State ID Card**

We are pleased to announce that the state of Michigan will begin issuing an enhanced driver's license and state identification card with a few new features this month. As a professional who is affected by the changes, please find enclosed with this letter information about the new features of the license and state ID card for your review.

Existing enhanced licenses and ID cards will remain valid until their expiration dates. They will be reissued in the new format when the license or card is renewed or a replacement is needed. Existing enhanced licenses and ID cards will be phased out of circulation by 2016, with the exception of some enhanced Graduated Driver Licenses, which will be in circulation until 2017.

Features of the redesigned enhanced driver's license and ID card include:

- Laser-perforated abbreviation "MICH" is cut into card and can be viewed from either the front or the back.
- Card stock and laminate are slightly thinner than on previous enhanced licenses and ID cards.
- A new revision date of 02-01-2012 is printed on card to reflect these latest changes.

For your convenience, enclosures with graphics and additional information about the redesigned enhanced license and ID card are included.

Questions may be directed to the Department of State Information Center at its toll-free number: 888-SOS-MICH (767-6424). More information about the enhanced driver's license and state ID card program is available at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).

Enclosure

Effective: February 2012

## Michigan's Enhanced Driver's License and State Identification Card have changed

The Michigan Secretary of State's Office is issuing a new version of its enhanced driver's licenses and state identification cards. Please note the following:

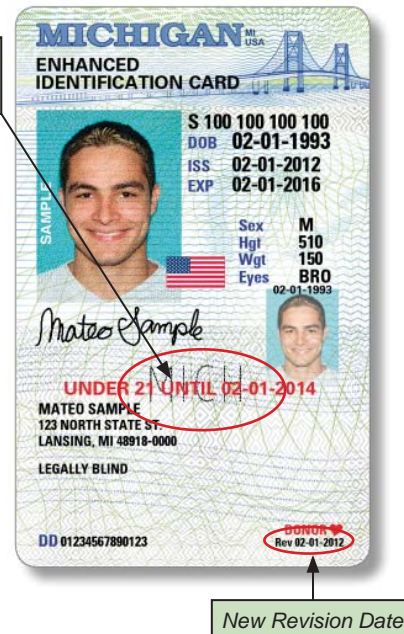
- The new format will begin circulating in both the enhanced horizontal and vertical versions in February 2012.
- Existing horizontal enhanced licenses and state ID cards will be phased out of circulation by 2016. However, the current vertical enhanced Graduated Driver License will still be in circulation as late as 2017.
- Existing enhanced licenses and state ID cards will remain valid until their expiration dates. They will be reissued in the new format at renewal or if a replacement is needed.

For more information, please call the Michigan Secretary of State's Office at 888-SOS-MICH (767-6424).

**Sample Enhanced Horizontal License  
(21-and-older format)**



**Sample Enhanced Vertical State ID Card  
(Younger-than-21 format)**



### New Features

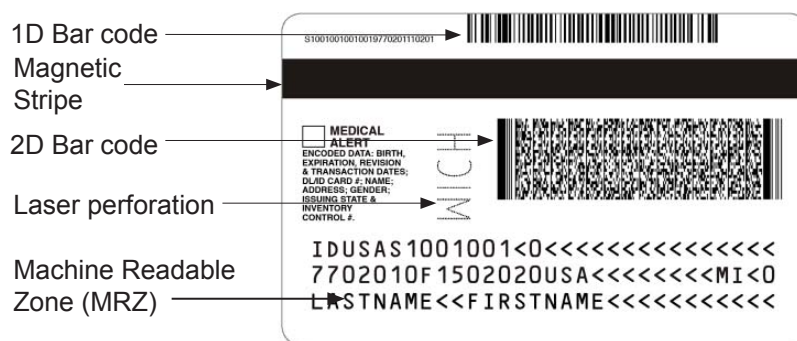
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*See reverse side for more information about license and ID card features*

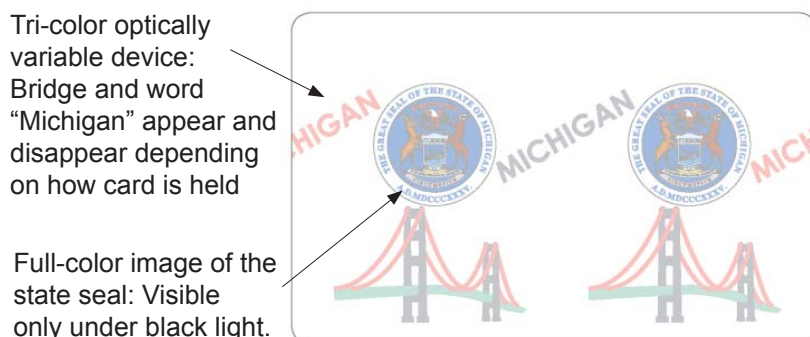
## Description of Features

- **NEW:** The card features the laser-perforated abbreviation “MICH,” which can be viewed when held up to a light.
- **NEW:** Card stock and laminate are slightly thinner than on previous enhanced licenses and ID cards.
- **NEW:** A new revision date of 02-01-2012 is printed on card to reflect these latest changes.
- "Under 18 until MM-DD-YYYY" and "Under 21 until MM-DD-YYYY" is printed as applicable.
- The front laminate of the cards includes the full-color shape of a Great Seal, viewable using a standard off-the-shelf black light, and a tri-color optically variable image of a bridge and the word “Michigan” that appears and disappears when viewed from different angles.
- The 2D bar code includes the cardholder’s full legal name, date of birth, date of issue, expiration date, address, gender, driver’s license or state ID number, issuing jurisdiction, card design revision date, and an inventory control number.
- The 1D bar code has the cardholder’s driver’s license or state ID number, date of birth, expiration date and a two-digit manufacturing number.
- The magnetic stripe has the driver’s license or state ID number, date of birth and expiration date.

## Reverse of Card



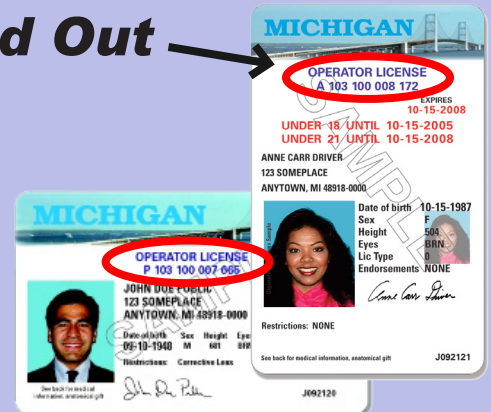
## Front Laminate



# Michigan's transition to new driver's licenses and ID cards

## Michigan's License Being Phased Out

- Licenses are valid until their expiration date
- Licenses and IDs will be phased out of circulation by 2015
- Some Graduated Driver Licenses with this design will be in circulation as late as 2016



## New License and ID Card Design Features

- State seal on the front viewable under a black light
- Cardholder's photo and birth date viewable on back under black light
- Laser-perforated word "MICH" is viewable when held up to a light
- Optically variable image of a bridge and the word "Michigan" appears and disappears when viewed from different angles



## Michigan's Enhanced License

- Shares the basic design of the new standard license and state ID card
- Features a U.S. flag by the cardholder photo
- New versions of the enhanced licenses and ID cards have the laser-perforated word "MICH" viewable. Older versions do not.



Other valid ID types such as chauffeur or commercial driver licenses are not pictured.

For more information visit the Secretary of State's Office  
online at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).